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INSTRUMENT OF THE MONTH

Cornet

Due to its wide conical taper, the cornet (French: cornet à pistons or bugle) is classified as a horn instrument, even though it looks more like a trumpet. The first instrument was built around 1828 by Louis Antiene Halary in France and was primarily used in its historical function in military and marching bands. Later, the instrument was introduced to the symphony orchestra of the romantic period, replacing the trumpet in some cases. Compared to the trumpet, the cornet has a softer sound as a result of its construction, but a limited dynamic range. As tonal response is achieved easily, the instrument has become very popular especially in music education. More advanced trumpet players may easily switch to the cornet without specific training.

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